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CONVENTION 1984

SPONSOR: Friends of Old-Time Radio. This is their 9th Convention devoted to collectors of and performers in the Golden Age of Radio.

PLACE: Holiday Inn-North, Newark Int'l Airport, right off Exit 14, off New Jersey Turnpike.

DATES & TIME: Friday, Oct. 19th & Saturday, Oct. 20th, 1984. Friday will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will include cocktail hour, buffet dinner, coffee, dealers tables, several events. Saturday will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will include workshops, dealers tables, coffee, cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, 2 radio shows, awards.

COST: Friday is \$22, which includes all activities, coffee, cocktail hour, dinner and evening program; for daytime (9:00-6:00) activities only, \$5... Saturday is \$31 for adults and \$29 for children under 16 and senior citizens. This includes all activities, coffee, hors d'oeuvres, dinner & evening program. For daytime (9:00-5:30) activities only, \$8.00. Children under 16 and senior citizens cost is \$6.00.

REGISTRATION: Make all checks out to Jay Hickerson and mail them to him at Box C, Orange, Ct. 06477. (203) 795-6261; (203) 248-2887.

GUESTS: We hope many of the special guests who have come in the past will attend this one. New guests tentatively coming are Veola Vonn, Frank Nelson, Margaret Draper, Margaret Clinton, Johnny Thompson, John (Johnny) Thomas, Edith Meiser, Jay Jackson.

PROGRAM: Friday: 9-6 dealers & workshops; 6-8:30 cocktails & buffet dinner (3 entrees); 8:30-11 events & dealers...Saturday: 9-3 dealers; 9-5:30 panels, workshops, radio show; 5:30-11:00 cocktails, buffet dinner, with 3 entrees, radio show, entertainment, awards.

DEALERS: Tables are \$20 each for 1 or 2 days PLUS registration fee for each day there--display tables are Free. Limit of 45 tables.

DINNER: If you want to reserve a table for Saturday when you register by mail, you may, but we must have 10 at a table. Otherwise, groups of 10 may reserve one when you arrive.

EVENTS: Friday and Saturday: Dealers, Trivia, 2 or 3 live shows, Workshops & Panels about Sherlock Holmes; Quiz Panel; Radio Westerns; Escape; Bloopers II; Big Bands; Acting; Radio Shows on TV; Arthur Godfrey; Frank Nelson & Veola Vonn. Friday will have more activities than usual in the late afternoon and evening, but most workshops will be on Saturday.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS: Rooms at the Holiday Inn: \$50 for single/\$55 for double. If you want a room, let me know details when you send in your reservation and I will mail HI a room reservation card. Do not send me money for hotel room, pay on your arrival.

TRAVEL: Van and bus service is available to the Newark airport from Kennedy and LaGuardia airports. The Holiday Inn has a shuttle bus to and from Newark Airport. Many airlines go directly to Newark. Mass transit from NYC to Newark is convenient.

PUBLICITY: Please publicize this wherever you can. Start getting your reservations in. Dinner is limited for Friday and Saturday.

RIDES: If anyone needs a ride, please note regional coordinators below. Let Stu Weiss know if you need a ride from NYC area. We are planning on having a van on Saturday to pick up guests who need a ride.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Jay Hickerson; Joe Webb (516) 667-8319; Stuart Weiss (212) 948-7872; Anthony Tollin (201) 575-6849.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS: Stu Weiss (NYC); Ken Piletic (Midwest) 1-800-237-5533 (12AM to 9AM); Ron Barnett (Middle Atlantic) (703) 751-3238; Gary Yoggy (Upstate NY) wk: (607) 962-9011; Dave Reznick (West Coast) (918) 743-6092.

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS & WORKSHOP LEADERS: Don Aston, Bob Burchett, Andy Blatt, Barbara and Dave Davies, Brad Gromalski, Bill Jaker, Gary Kramer, Ron Lackmann, Walt Mitchell, Beldon Menkus, Lee Munsick, Dave Siegel, Terry Salomonson, Mary Lou Wallace.

A PERSONAL NOTE: I was asked for a little information about myself. I am 49 (11/25/34), and married for the second time (Karen; 1/2/83). I have two children: Craig (19) and Robin (20). Craig and Robin run Hickerson's Cable-TV Installation, Inc., in Kansas City, Mo., with contracts in Kansas City, Mo., Melbourne, Fla., and Savannah, Georgia. I teach piano and entertain at Bar-mitzvahs, weddings, and other types of private parties. Karen is a professional singer. I started collecting in 1970 and have about 7000 shows. I do little trading now & concentrate on Hello Again and our yearly convention.

In 1981, I mentioned I would charge \$15 for each commercial (dealer) flyer, 8-1/2 X 11, #20 wt. or less. This is just a reminder for newer subscribers. For multiple or heavier flyers, prices vary.

CONVENTION - '84: Andy Blatt needs help in locating video tapes of scarcer Radio to TV shows (Suspense, Inner Sanctum, Whistler, etc.) Andy is giving a workshop on this at the Convention and would like loans of above...Donald Tanner, 158 E. Main St., Torrington, Ct. 06790, (203) 482-0836, wants to come to our Convention, but needs a ride. Can anyone help? Invitations have been mailed to Eve Arden and Richard Crenna -- waiting for response.

IN FOND MEMORY: Marvin Gaye, April 1, 44; well-known singer...Samuel Engel, Apr 7, 79; veteran motion picture producer...William Thomas, Apr 2, 80; veteran producer...Tom Jans, Mar 25, 36; songwriter-singer (Loving Arms)...Jack Donohue, Mar 27, 76; director...Jimmy Kennedy, Apr 6, 81; Irish songwriter (Red Sails in the Sunset; April in Portugal)...John Mehegan, Apr 3, 67; jazz pianist...Ray Middleton, Apr 10, 77; Broadway actor/singer...George Haight, Apr 17, 79; writer, film & TV producer...Russell Sonju, Apr 15, 62; trombonist...Gilbert Green, Apr 15, 68; stage, film, TV actor...June Marlowe, Mar 10, 81; actress...Rubye de Remer, Mar 18; silent film actress...Ralph Kirkpatrick, Apr 13, 72; well-known harpsichordist...Byron Kane, Apr 10; radio actor...William (Count) Basie, Apr 26, 79; well-known bandleader...Mabel Mercer, Apr 20, 84; well-known singer...William (Red) Garland, Apr 23, 60; jazz pianist...Juan Tizol, Apr. 23, 84; jazz trombonist & composer (Caravan)...Gordon Jenkins, May 1, 73; well-known composer & conductor...May McAvoy, Apr 26, 82; silent screen actress...John Barrett, May 1, 71; original Lone Ranger when broadcast in Buffalo...Richard Benedict, Apr 25, 64; TV director & film actor...Jack Barry, May 2, 66; star of TV game shows...Z.Z. Hill, Apr 27, 48; blues & R*B artist...Bob Clampett, May 2, 70; award-winning animator (Beany & Cecil)...Diana Dors, May 4, 52; British actress...Carleton Smith, Apr 27, 79; RCA executive & first announcer for Roosevelt's Fire-side Chats...Henry Rowland, Apr 26, 70; char. actor...Larry Stock, May 4, 87; composer, lyricist (Blueberry Hill; You're Nobody Til' Somebody Loves You)...Byron Kane, Apr 10, 60; actor; TV, film, radio...Ben Roberts, May 12, 67; screen-writer (movie & TV - many with Ivan Goff)...Alan Zampese, Apr 14, 53; stage, TV, film actor...Truman van Dyke, May 6, 86; silent film actor...Andy Kaufman, May 16, 35; actor (Taxi)...Peter Bull, May 21, 72; actor...Andrea Leeds Howard, May 21, 69; actress...Irwin Shaw, May 16, 71; well-known author.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Reruns; March; articles & logs on Bonanza, Laramie, Eddie Haskell, TV Firsts 1867-1947...Milwaukee Newsletter, April; article on National Barn Dance Reunion...On the Air(OTR Club of NY), Mar-April; article on L. Ranger. President of Club (Now called Vintage Broadcast Society) is Lewis Krieger, 3000 Bronx Park East, Bronx, N.Y. 10467...SPERDVAC, May; article on Byron Kane...NARA News, Spring; articles on country & western music & programs.



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

CLUBS AND CONVENTIONS: The Academy of Sci-Fiction, Fantasy & Horror films gave its annual Saturn Awards on March 28th. Among the awards given were ones to L. Ron Hubbard (Novel: Battlefield Earth), Louise Fletcher (best actress in Brainstorm), Ray Bradbury (best screen paly - Something Wicked This Way Comes) ...The Metro Washington OTR Club had its Charter meeting on May 11th, in Alexandria, Va. For details write James Burnette, 6704 Bidensee Ln, Manassas, Va. 22110.

LOGS: Still available from me: Guide for beginning collectors \$2.50; 4 pages of tips on taping \$1.50...Raleigh Barker, 6206 Bankside Dr., Houston, Tx. 77096, still has log of Shell Chateau for \$1.50...Supplement #2 of my J. Benny Log now available. Send SASE & indicate whether you want #2 or #'s 1 & 2...Collectors list is now available. Details on @ 75 collectors is \$3.00. Supplements will be issued as more people send in information.

THE TAPE DECK: Bob Burnham, 17173 Westbrook, Livonia, Mich. 48152, hard at work on Technical Guide to Collecting OTR. This will be 50+ pages and consolidate a lot of information from various sources plus much new information. Any help would be appreciated. Commercial and non-commercial ads accepted. Flyer enclosed ...Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol Ave., Westchester, Ill. 60153, wants to know how to unsqueak squeaking tape such as Ampex 292.

LET THE BUYER BEWARE: Received newspaper clipping about Old-time Radio, Box 27301, Denver (left in Jan. 1983) run by Richard Abel who apparently moved to Florida. He was investigated for mail fraud.

NEW ADDRESSES: Jim Huska, Box 201, Grand Junction, Col. 81502...Raymond Edward Johnson, 167 Grieb Rd., Wallingford, Ct. 06492. Raymond needs a ride to our Convention (Sat. morning to Sat. evening). We tried last year, but to no avail. Any thoughts would be appreciated. We have tried various ways...Maj. Mark Victorson, MTMC, Bremerhaven T,L, APO, NY 09069.

HERE & THERE: New Friends: STANLEY STEINBERG, 3611 Fieldstone Rd., Randallstown, Md. 21133...ELEANOR WESTON, 29 Clinton Ave., Newport, R.I. 02840, wants to find worth of Columbia Album "I Can Hear it Now" by Edw. R. Morrow; single record of "I Can Hear it Now" 1919 - 1932, Vol. 3...ED DUPLISSIE, #205 461 W. 16th St., North Vancouver, B.C. V7M 1V1...RICHARD BLAMEY, Box 1558, Fond du Lac, Wisc. 54935...BARBARA SCHWARZ, 7232 N. Keystone Ave., Lincolnwood, Ill. 60646; President of Vic & Sade Fan Club...CHUCK JUZEK, 57 Hutton Ave., Nanuet, N.Y. 10954; Chuck wants radio show called "The Spider" broadcast in Missouri (KMOX) 1935. Also Phantom Detective; also New York area Stan Lee's Marvel Superheroes. They were serialized Mon-Fri. 5-10 min. a day. Also new Doc Savage broadcast over NPR...TODD NEBEL, 1015 W. White Oak. Arlington Hts., Ill. 60005...RUTH McNEIL, Box 2634, Beverly Hills, Cal. 90213: wants listing of CBS Mystery Theater; also listing of books about OTR...THOM SALOME, 354 - 22nd St., B'klyn, N.Y. 11215; wants YTJD log; also Fu Manchu & Charlie Chan shows; has 1000 reels of generally uncirc. shows. Has many Shadow with 20 uncirc. ones on order as of April 12th; also wants Tune in Yesterday, by J. Dunning...ARTHUR ABRAMOWITZ, 430 Shore Rd. #B-2D, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561...GEORGE GIAMPIETRO, 21 Griswold St., Everett, Ma. 02149...Woody Schultz, 2460 E. Baltimore, Mesa, Ariz. 85203...MRS. W.C. WONDERHEAD, 463 S. Mountain Blvd., RD 9, Rte. 309, Mountain Top, Pa. 18707, wants info. on Letters to My Son, broadcaast around 1942. It kept an account of the War. She wants to know if the letters were put in book form or completed some other way... RICHARD STROMSTED, 12310 Longbrook Dr., Houston, Tx. 77099; wants H. Hornblower & Scarlet Pimpernel...ROBERT WRIGHT, 1013 No. Glendale Av., Glendale, Cal. 91206 ...JERALD WADLEY, 215 E. 7060 South, Midvale, Utah 84047...RON KILLIAN, 3449 N. Cramer, Milw., Wisc. 53211...VAN PURDY, Bedell Rd., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603... RON CLARKE, 40 Whispering Way, Atlanta, Ga. 30328...FABIAN GABRYELSKI, 61 Lincoln Ave., Clifton, N.J. 07011.

HERE & THERE: Old Friends: ANGELO PROSPERO, 32 Palamino Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14623, wants Joe Louis-Max Baer Fight broadcast 9/35...PAUL ALLEN, 11 Phaeton Dr., Penfield, N.Y. 14526, wants The Saint, Fat Man, Exploring Tomorrow, Tales of Tomorrow, other sci-fi shows; Paul believes reel much superior to cassette or 8-track; also has had much trouble with Shamrock & Concertape (Radio Shack); Use good brand of tape...MICKEY SMITH, 1411 Lawson St., Oxford, Miss. 38655; working with Am. Inst. of History of Pharmacy to find advertisements & programs including or featuring pharmacists and/or drugs; needs help...ROBERT FRAZIUS, 4636 Ridgeview Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30338, wants You Are There; also wants to join lending library...Many thanks to DALE HILK, BILL ANTHONY and others for kind words about HA. They really help...DEJAY SHRINER, 921 Eagle Dr., Houma, La. 70364, wants any info. about Hank Simmon's Showboat, broadcast in late 20's; also wants Lum & Abner...DON WATTE, Box 1519, Ramona, Cal. 92065, wants videotape of Magnetic Monster, with Richard Carlson...TOM HEATHWOOD, 22 Broadlawn Pk., Chestnut Hill, Ma. 02167; still doing daily OTR show on WTPP-Boston 7-8 PM (change in time). Also, Tom is looking for Boswell Sisters recordings of radio shows from the 30's. They were on Woodbury Show with Bing Crosby from Sept. to Dec. 1934, from Los Angeles--most people have the show of 9/18--wants others--also any 15 min. sustaining CBS shows from 1931 on (including the show Music That Satisfies, in 1932 where they alternated with Ruth Etting/Arthur Tracy) and in late 1931 The Baker Chocolate Program. Tom has for sale: very large collection of local Boston radio transcriptions from WHDH-AM. Many, many local shows. No network shows. Wants to sell as a lot of several hundred or in smaller amounts. Local collectors (around Boston) are welcome to make a personal inspection. All discs are in VC to EXC condition...GEORGE LUCE, 512 Westview Drive., Ft. Valley, Ga. 31030, wants Bing Crosby w/ Bob Burns...STEVEN HISS, 125 NE 39th Pl., Gainesville, Fla. 32601, has a program (for those with access to personal computers) that can sort through their catalogues & tell what is available. Send SASE for copy & hints for modification...BARBARA WATKINS, Box 561, So. Pasadena, Cal. 91030, wants Bride & Groom 7/2/48, with marriage of Joan Purcell & William Miller; also schematic for Philips reel recorder, model N4504; and Cleveland Ind. baseball game from 1954 announced by Jimmy Dudley...BILL WANDELL, 1506 Elmer, Houston, Texas 77019, wants Band of America, Railroad Hour, Spike Jones. Bill also has a chance of getting 400 discs of Saturday at the Shamrock, but needs a transcription player...DAVE SWIFT, 38 Dartmouth St., Halifax, Ma. 02338, wants info. about Roy Rogers collectors Convention recently held in Portsmouth, Ohio...THOM SALOME, 354 - 22nd St., B'klyn, N.Y. 11215, has blank, used once, Ampex tape in new boxes; 100 reels of 1800'; \$111, incl. shipping (UPS within 24 hrs.) Thom also has 1100 reels for trade; also in buyers club; send SASE to Thom for details...MIKE OGDEN, Box 4301, Tallahassee, Fla. 32315, finishing his new book Orson Welles on the Air.

RADIO IS ALIVE & WELL: WHAM in Rochester broadcast on April 15th, True Stories of the New York State Police. Cast included Chet Walker & Jack Slattery. WHAM originally broadcast series 1936-1950. More broadcasts may be forthcoming... NAACP has condemned KABC-TV airing of documentary Amos & Andy. It aired on Mar. 30th...Charita Bauer, orig. member of Guiding Light (TV), will return following absence of several months because of a leg amputation. Character will reflect Charita's experiences with same problem.

OTR BROADCASTS -- Additional Shows:

WJKL-FM	94	Elgin, Ill. - Carl Amari: M-F 10:05 PM-11:00PM & Sun. 9:05 PM - 11:00 PM. Variety.
KRMG-AM	740	Tulsa, Okla. - Joe Riddle - Sun. 3-7 PM. Variety.
KMDY-AM	850	Thousand Oaks, Cal. (bought by Frank Bresee). All comedy - all day. OTR from 11:00PM - Midnight.

LATE MAIL:

Old Friends: Robert Simpson, 6971 Scott St., Hollywood, Fla. 33024, is writing an article on Radio drama since 1960. He would like programs, personnel, companies, names, addresses, clippings, articles, and other source material. A few shows were CBS, Mystery Theater, Sears Radio Theater, Crisis, etc....Does anyone know current address of JAN MINER?...

New Friends: Dr. Carol Pratt, Box 335, State University, Arkansas 72467; Carol has large collection of OTR magazines (Radio Guide, Radio Mirror, etc.) and wants to trade duplicates...John McIntyre, Box 37, Beaver Dam, Wisc. 53916
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In Fond Memory: *Nate Nelson, June 1, 52; singer with Platters...John Marley, May 22, 77; actor...Laurence Schwab, May 20, 62; TV prod-writer-dir....Ann Marlowe Straus, May 26, mid-70's; radio actress & producer...*

MORE CONVENTION NEWS: Eve Arden is unable to come because of travel plans... Tentatively coming to Convention is Joan Lorring Sonenberg. Henry Denker, Anne Hummert & Lanny Ross will have to let us know in September.

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